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On the cover: Peter Jernberg in front of Jackson Academy.

President's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This is the 83rd academic year of Delta State University, and we're similar to the rest of the nation in our concern over uncertain times. We don't know what to make of daily lurches in the economy. Add the news of cuts in state funding, and we're living in a whirlwind and searching for handholds.

Just for the record, we're not alone with these matters. I serve on the Executive Council of our regional accrediting body (SACS/COC), and reports at the summer meeting revealed grim budget numbers from other states. While the economists argue whether our nation is officially in a recession, universities across the southeast are affected by the results.

Thank goodness there is plenty of good news from DSU to chase away the clouds of gloom. Here is a summary of last year's accomplishments:

- Arts and Sciences faculty produced more than 60 publications and presentations.
- Kethley Hall and the Delta Music Institute were fully renovated.
- The College of Business increased private funding by ten percent and introduced an iMBA. The Baioni Conference Center in Broom Hall was completed.
- Faculty in the College of Education succeeded with their re-accreditation, and they expanded distance offerings, including an online Master of Education degree.
- The School of Nursing became the Delta Area Health Education Center, offered a successful workshop for nurse educator certification to 70 participants, and saw the completion of newly constructed classroom space.
- Graduate and Continuing Studies opened nearly three dozen additional courses. External grant funds increased by 24 percent to exceed \$10 million for the first time.
- The university completed a Housing Master Plan and as a result closed two facilities: Bond-Carpenter and Whittington-Williams. We will build a new 400-bed student residence.
- The Statesmen won three Gulf South Conference championships—football, women's basketball, and baseball—and one of our athletes was the first Gillom Trophy winner. It goes to the college athlete judged Mississippi's best female basketball player.
- Over the past six years, the DSU Foundation has annually raised an average of \$3.2 million for the university.

It was a busy year, and the items above barely scratch the surface. But hold your hats. Academic Year 2008–09 will be even busier. Here's a brief list:

- A new theme—Join In. Stand Out.—will headline our new marketing campaign. You can read more about it in this publication.
- Algebra and geometry courses will be redesigned to serve the needs of today's learners with expanded active learning opportunities and stronger use of technology.
- Faculty across all disciplines will work on a Foundations of Excellence program to enhance the first-year experience for all students.
- This will be the Year of Partnerships, the fourth in our annual series. We'll recognize and celebrate our close ties to partners within and outside the Delta, and we will look for additional linkages that multiply our effectiveness.

The list could go on for many pages. We will work on several facilities projects. Each academic unit will expand offerings, increase outreach, and enhance quality. And, of course, we expect the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen to have another banner year.

Please visit the campus often this year. Hardly a day passes without some engaging activity taking place. Homecoming is just around the corner! See you there.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John M. Hilpert". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "Hilpert".

John M. Hilpert
President

Alumni Message

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As my term as President of the Delta State University Alumni Association draws to a close, it seems like a good time to reflect on changes that have developed over the past two years. The Alumni Hall of Fame, Statesmen Park, and the Veterans' Atrium in Jobe Hall are all new initiatives of the Alumni Association and its members. The vision and hard work of many individuals came together to make these ideas a reality.

We also said goodbye to our director, Vicki Fioranelli. Her talents and leadership played an important role in the success of the Alumni Association. We thank her for her commitment to and love for Delta State.

We warmly welcome our new director, Jeffrey Farris. Jeffrey is a familiar face at the Alumni Association, having worked in the position of assistant director for the past year. Jeffrey is full of enthusiasm and new ideas. We look forward to the future under his leadership. If you have not met Jeffrey, he will be in your area soon for a local chapter meeting or event. I hope that you can attend and get to know him.

It has been a privilege to serve as President of the Delta State Alumni Association. Thank you for this honor.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daye Dearing".

Daye Dearing

National Alumni Association President

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Class of or years attended _____

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Nickname: _____ Birthdate: _____

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Phone (H): _____ (W): _____ (C): _____

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☐ Art (\$5) ☐ Black (\$5) ☐ Nursing (\$5)
☐ Athletic (\$10) ☐ Family & Consumer Science (H. Ec.) (\$5)

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Mail to: Box 3104, Cleveland, MS 38733

Dr. Legend Ferriss honored at spring commencement

Delta State University held its spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 10, handing out degrees to 465 graduates.

A total of 307 bachelor's degrees, 85 master's degrees, eight education specialist degrees and two doctoral degrees were granted during the 81st spring ceremony.

While graduates received cheers of support from family members, one Delta State icon received a standing ovation from the entire coliseum.

The crowd rose to its feet as David M. "Boo" Ferriss was awarded an honorary doctoral degree.

The honor recognizes individuals who have made significant and meritorious contributions to Delta State, higher education in general or other areas of society.

"The support for granting this degree was remarkably widespread and heart-

felt," said President John M. Hilpert. "Boo Ferriss is a legend in the Mississippi Delta."

"I am very sincerely thankful to you and all your kind words," Ferriss told the crowd of over 2,500. "Without a doubt this university has been a tremendous blessing in my life."

Family members and graduates also listened as Tim Harvey ('80), Executive Vice President of Global Distribution services and Chief Information Officer for Hilton Hotels Corp. and Delta State alumni, delivered the commencement address.

Harvey told graduates that actions, relationships and resilience were needed assets in the modern world.

"Things won't always go the way you plan, but it is how you pack it in and regroup that makes you successful," he said.

By Landry Barbieri, *The Bolivar Commercial*



Commencement speaker Tim Harvey, congratulates coaching legend, David M. "Boo" Ferriss following the DSU 2008 Spring commencement ceremony.



Delta State seniors give Coach 'Boo' Ferriss a standing ovation.



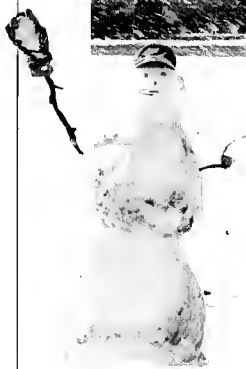
Top Prize? Education of a lifetime

Delta State University student Orientation Leaders performed a skit, based on the popular television show "Deal or No Deal," for 326 freshmen, 194 transfers, and 333 parents and family members who attended the summer orientation sessions. An education at Delta State, rather than a million dollars, was the top prize.



DELTA SNOW

While students were loading up beach towels and suntan oil to head to the beach for spring break, Mother Nature played one of her jokes by dropping a load of snow on the Delta State campus on Friday, March 7. DSU students showed their adaptability and construction skills by exchanging swimsuits for snow gear and building snowmen around the campus.



Delta State shall overcome

The Board of Trustees of Mississippi's Institutions of Higher Learning adopted a proposal at their April 2008 meeting for the re-distribution of funds appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature. The Board proposal affects all institutions and has been characterized as "rebalancing state appropriations."

The plan is to be phased in over five years and began slowly with five institutions losing a relatively small portion of state funding for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Delta State's share represents less than one-half of one percent of its total budget. However, the loss will be larger each year.

But all is not doom and gloom for Delta State. In his State of the University address in August, Delta State President, Dr. John M. Hilpert, announced that Delta State was one of only three universities in the system



DSU students participate in a walkout to protest IHL's plan.

that managed salary increases. "We overcame the first series of annual cuts, pushed and prodded to identify a pool of funds, and used market comparisons for distribution," he said.

In a written statement to the university faculty and staff, Dr. Hilpert affirmed, "We are a solid institution with the organizational strength to deal with this unwelcome financial news. We believe the FY09 budget will allow us to strengthen our tradition of service to our students and to the communities of this region."

NEWSMAKERS

Jeffrey Farris ('04, '05) has been hired as the Director of Alumni Affairs at Delta State. Farris, a native of Brandon, received both his Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Education degree from Delta State. He is a former four-year letterman for the Delta State Men's Tennis Team. His senior year he received the prestigious Charles S. Kerg Award as Delta State's top senior student-athlete. He was inducted into the Student Hall of Fame and was elected "Mr. DSU" his senior year.



Bryce Griffis ('54) was inducted into the "2008 Mississippi Business Hall of Fame" on May 12. Griffis was a three-year letterman in football and baseball at Delta State and now serves on Delta State's Foundation board of directors. He was named Alumnus of the Year in 1986 and is a member of the DSU Hall of Fame. The indoor practice facility on the Delta State campus is named in his honor. A resident of Starkville, Griffis serves as president of the Sturgis Timber Company.



Michael Gann joined the Delta State

staff as the Director of the Department of Communications and Marketing on July 1. A native of Starkville, Gann comes to Delta State from East Mississippi Community College where he served as Director of Public Information and Recruiting. Gann received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and Public Relations from Mississippi State University in 1988 and a Master of Science degree in Public Relations from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1990.



HOMECOMING 2008

RECONNECT

Homecoming is a time to reconnect with your alma mater by coming to campus to experience past memories and create new ones. With 2008 being the "Year of Partnerships," the alumni association is working diligently with the community and campus to make the homecoming weekend a success. "The Alumni Association is excited about this year's schedule of events and we look forward to seeing all alumni on November 1, 2008," said Jeffrey Farris, Alumni Director.

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Homecoming will be an important time for the class of 1958. Mr. Johnny Arnold, the Class President of '58, said, "many members of the class have not seen each other for fifty years since graduation. Everyone is looking forward to the reunion." The class will also be inducted into the prestigious Golden Circle. Mrs. Nancy Gerrard, current Golden Circle president, said, "the class of '58 is part of over 800 alumni eligible for Golden Circle membership." The Golden Circle is becoming more active in helping DSU with various projects, such as the Veterans' Atrium at Jobe Hall. Dr. James Robinson and Vicki Fioranelli have worked countless hours on the Veterans' Atrium. The atrium honors all faculty, staff, students, and community members that have served our nation.



1958 Homecoming Mold Hoywood Brumfield waves to the crowd.

Memories are also a big part of Homecoming. Jeremy Pittman, president of the Black Alumni Constituent Group, said, "it's coming home to family; seeing old family and meeting new family". He also said, "this is a time when the administration and alumni get to meet with one another and exchange ideas."

Statesmen Park, in its second year, was built with the idea to provide an outdoor

venue for DSU festivities. This year's celebration begins Saturday at noon. The cheerleaders, band, and football team will all be at Statesmen Park ready to meet and greet with fans and alumni.

Every year hundreds of alumni return to campus to reconnect with their university. Homecoming this year will offer ample opportunities for reliving old memories and making new ones.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2008

HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS



Peter Jernberg '65,
of Jackson, Hall of
Fame Class of 2008



Langston Rodgers
'66, of Oxford, Hall of
Fame Class of 2008



**Ann Lamar
Hannaford '74**,
Senatobia, Hall of Fame
Class of 2008

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2008

SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Edward Pope '85,
of Cleveland, is the
recipient of the Hugh
Ellis Walker Alumni
Service Award.



Dwaun Warmack
'99, of Cordova, TN, is
the recipient of the Kent
Wyatt Young Alumnus
Service Award.



Charlie Capps Jr.,
of Cleveland, is the
recipient of the Gladys
Castle Friend of Delta
State Service Award.



A.K. Eckels Family
will receive the Legacy
Award in honor of Mr.
A.K. Eckles.

HOMECOMING 2008: RECONNECT

Full Schedule of Events

October 31 – November 1, 2008

SPECIAL REUNIONS

Class of 1958
50-year Graduates; Golden Circle: Classes 1928-58
Block Alumni Scholarship Reunion

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008

12:30pm	Awards and Business Luncheon, H.L. Nowell Union, State Room (Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and Service Awards)
6:00	Student Bond/Concert, Statesmen Park
6:00	Social and Reunion of Golden Circle (Classes 1928-57) and Class of '58, Cleveland Country Club
7:00	Induction and Dinner for Class of '58, Cleveland Country Club

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008

8:30-9:30am	College of Business Coffee Gathering, Broom Hall
9:00-11:00	Homecoming Registration, Student Union
9:00-11:00	Delta Music Institute Open House
10:00-10:45	Dialogue with University Officials, Alumni House
10:00	Athletic Alumni Meeting, Room 302 Union
10:00	Veterans' Exhibit and Refreshments (Jabe Hall)
11:00	Music Program, Veterans' Atrium (Jobe Hall)
11:00	Organizations, Constituent Group Meetings, & Open Houses
11:30-1:00pm	Block Alumni Luncheon, Alumni House
Noon	Lunch, Young Mouldin Dining Hall
1:30	College of Education Hospitality Tent, Statesmen Park
1:30	Athletic Dedication honoring Senator Bob Dearing, Athletic Dept.
7:00	Pan-Hellenic Council Greek Step Show, BPAC

STATESMEN PARK HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

Noon	Tailgating, Tent Parties, Cheerleaders and Band
1:00-3:00pm	Reunions, Open Houses, Tents
1:45	Football Team Walk Through
2:00	Ol' Skool Revue Music Ensemble
3:00	Football Game, DSU vs. Arkansas Tech
	Queen and Court Presentation at Half Time

Senator Bob M. Dearing

Delta State will recognize one of its greatest supporters during its Homecoming celebration when the Hellenic Council presents Senator Bob M. Dearing (R-TN) as an Honorary Delta State Alumnus. Senator Dearing has been a long-time supporter of Delta State and has been a member of the Hellenic Council since 1988. He has been a strong advocate for Delta State's athletic programs and has been a member of the Hellenic Council since 1988. He has been a strong advocate for Delta State's athletic programs and has been a member of the Hellenic Council since 1988. He has been a strong advocate for Delta State's athletic programs and has been a member of the Hellenic Council since 1988.



Lady Statesmen Want to Take Final Step

By Daniel Hawthorne

In 2007, the Lady Statesmen (33-1) had their most successful season since 1991-92, when Hall of Fame head coach Lloyd Clark led Delta State to the NCAA Division II national title. Sandra Rushing took over the program in 2002 and has quickly transformed it into the national powerhouse it once was. Last season, she led the green and white to their third consecutive Gulf South Conference title, their first South Central Regional title since 2001, and a Final Four appearance; all while winning 33 straight games before losing to South Dakota, 68-58, in the national semifinals.

"There's no doubt we had a great season last year," head coach Rushing stated. "We played some great basketball all season long and the players were happy with their accomplishments along the way. This year we have to work a little harder in order to bring the national title back to Cleveland where it belongs."

Despite losing four starters, including two-time All-American and GSC Player of the Year Jennifer Rushing and two All-GSC selections Lakira Boyd and Jessica Boyd, the Lady Statesmen return to the court in 2008-09 with the recipe to defend their GSC and regional titles. Among those returning from last season is sophomore standout Sarita "Bug" Cooper, the only starter from last season who averaged 5.0 points, 2.7 rebounds, and 3.8 assists in 34 games. Also returning are guards Moe Bell, Tamara Reed, and Kendall Crawford; forwards Lamaesha McAdory, Kirsten McBride, and Courtney Wilson; and, towering 6'4" senior Renita Jones.

"Fortunately we have eight young ladies coming back who have the experience, knowledge and leadership to take this team to new heights this season," Rushing stated.

Rushing and her staff also recruited five new players this season, including two Division I transfers in Shameka Russell (Southeastern Louisiana University) and



Sarita "Bug" Cooper fires a 15' jumper.

LaShundrea Townsend (Alabama State). For a second consecutive year, the Lady Statesmen have signed a member of *The Clarion-Ledger's* "Dandy Dozen," in Gentry

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-Sandra Rushing

forward Veronica Walker, who helped the Lady Rams to back-to-back Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 4A championships and Grand Slam Overall State championships. The two-time All-State selection by *The Clarion-Ledger* led the Lady Rams to an 82-0 record and No. 7 national ranking by ESPN over the last two seasons. During her senior year, Walker averaged 16.6 points, 12.3 rebounds and 5.3 blocks per game.

The Lady Statesmen open their season October 31-November 2 at the Disney Tip-Off Classic in Orlando, Florida. The Disney Classic is the premier NCAA Division II preseason showcase with some of the top teams in the nation competing in a three-day, round robin tournament.

Statesmen Eye NCAAs

By Daniel Hawthorne

There is a youthful energy humming around Sillers Coliseum for a program a year removed from a 14-12 overall finish and an 8-6 mark in conference play. While the Statesmen failed to make the postseason for the first time since 2003-2004, head coach Jason Conner has seemed to make the right adjustments this offseason in recruiting to return the Statesmen to GSC and national prominence.

With a new season comes a new assistant coach in Brian Ellis. Ellis, a former player at the University of West Florida, was on the coaching staff as a graduate assistant over the last two seasons before being appointed the full-time assistant on July 1.

"Brian is an excellent young coach with tremendous potential. He is a tough recruiter and he knows the game of basketball. I believe he will be a great fit for my staff and this program," Conner stated.

As for the team, the Statesmen welcome back over half of their roster from last season that averaged a combined 78 points a night, while holding opponents to 75.5. Among those returning is Senior guard Ernesto Green, who earned All-GSC second team nods after averaging a team-high 11.9 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. Senior forwards Oliver Monsour and Brad Skipper will be donning the green and white for the final season. Monsour averaged 6.2 points in 20 starts last season while Skipper played a huge role off the bench, averaging 4.9 points and a team-high 4.7 boards. Junior guard Chad Akins will be looking to follow up on an impressive season at point guard, where he made 20 starts while racking up 8.0 points and 3.0 boards a night. Eric Spencer also returns for his junior campaign after posting 10.8 points and 4.5 rebounds a game.

Coach Conner worked hard during the



All-conference candidate Eric Spencer (34).

offseason to try and pick up quality players that could play against some of the toughest collegiate teams in the country, and he did just that. Two players stand out from the spring signing class in junior transfers Arian Maliqi and Dmitry Pirshin, both of whom played junior college ball at Gulf Coast Community College in Pensacola, Fla.

"Arian and Dmitry bring instant offense and toughness to our program that we definitely need. Both players are skilled around the basket and received excellent coaching at Gulf Coast Community College," stated Conner.

"I think we can make a run at this thing this season. We have a great nucleus coming back and I believe we have a lot of young, energetic guys coming in that can make a major difference. If we can get the fan base to come out again like they did last year, I think they will make a difference in the long run," Conner concluded.

The Statesmen will begin the 2008-09 campaign Nov. 17 at Walter Sillers Coliseum versus Alabama-Huntsville. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

Rushing makes history

Delta State University senior guard Jennifer Rushing made history on March 31, as the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame presented the Hollandale native with the first ever Cellular South Gillam Trophy. The Gillam Trophy is presented annually to Mississippi's top collegiate women's basketball player. The guard guided the Lady Statesmen to a 33-1 record and a trip to the NCAA Final Four. Rushing's other rewards include being named an All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and Daktronics, GSC West Player of the Year, first team All-GSC, Daktronics first team All-South Region, and MVP of the NCAA South Region Tournament.



Website gets new look

Delta State University fans have a brand new place to keep up with the latest news and information on the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen at GoStatesmen.com. The new site, launched in September, contains streaming video, student-athlete bios, and photo galleries that will make keeping up with the Statesmen and Lady Statesman a simple click away.

Former standout returns

Casey Bourgoynne, a standout shortstop on the Lady Statesmen softball team from 1999-2002, has been hired as the new softball head coach. She becomes the first female head coach and the first former Lady Statesmen to lead the program in Delta State softball history. "Casey is one of the top young up-and-coming coaches in collegiate softball, and we are very excited she has chosen to lead our program," stated Jeremy McCloin, Director of Athletics.



Video Scoreboards Part of Athletic Expansion

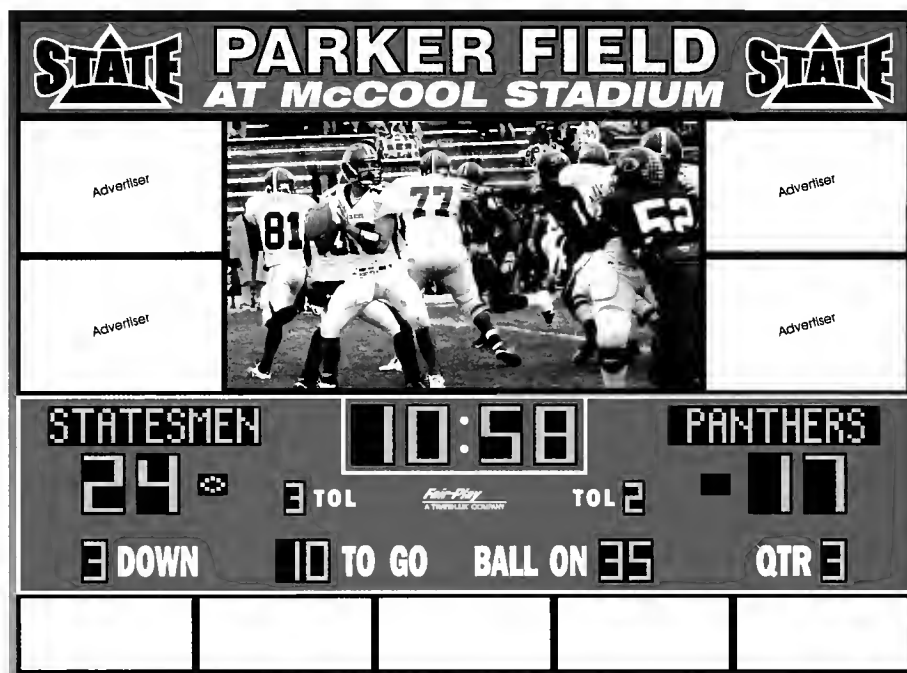
By Matthew W. Jones and Jim Ervin

Growth is inevitable in intercollegiate athletics. To compete with the elites of NCAA Division II, one must accept that fact and strive to meet or exceed it wherever possible. Over the course of the past five years Delta State University Athletics has done just that. In fact, several facility improvements and additions were made last year that will increase customer service to the fans, coaches, and student-athletes. These included locker-room renovations at Walter Sillers Coliseum and University Field and the construction and expansion of the Sports Medicine facilities at Chadwick-Dickson Athletic Field House.

Perhaps the most noticeable project was launched in August by Jeremy McClain, Director of Athletics, who announced a scoreboard expansion and replacement project that will push the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen to the forefront of NCAA Division II athletics. The project is a part of the Athletics' Master Plan announced in 2005 and takes that project to a level never before imagined.

The project calls for the existing scoreboards at Parker Field at McCool Stadium, Walter Sillers Coliseum, Dave "Boo" Ferriss Field, and University Field to be replaced with state-of-the-art, video-capable boards that reflect the new technology available to institutions today. The Coliseum will also see new media tables and portal signage as part of the package, while Parker Field at McCool Stadium will utilize additional signage on the field and in the stands.

Fans of Statesmen football will see the impact of a planned video display first. Parker Field at McCool Stadium will feature one



Rendition of new scoreboard design.

of the largest replay screens in all of NCAA Division II athletics. The plan calls for a three-camera setup which will allow fans to enjoy instant replays, as well as informative video clips and team features. The cameras will also be used to help deliver a higher production value on GoStatesmen.com's Internet TV. If all goes according to plan, the project will be completed by the end of November.

Another major part of the expansion at DSU is the planned addition of Statesmen

stated McClain. Doug Sullivan, a Delta State alumnus and former state director for Senator Thad Cochran, played a major role in the allocation of funds for the boulevard project. Sullivan passed away earlier this year and DSU plans to honor the former Statesmen in 2008-2009.

"Doug was a tremendous force for Delta State Athletics in this state and across the country. Without his hard work and dedication to this project, I don't believe we

Parker Field will feature one of the largest replay screens in all of NCAA Division II athletics.

Boulevard. The ability to enter and exit athletic facilities will be greatly enhanced by the construction of the new entrance just west of the Statesmen football practice fields.

Upon completion, fans entering and exiting Statesmen and Lady Statesmen athletic events will be able to do so by way of a new four-lane boulevard between Highway 8 and Parker Field-McCool Stadium.

"With a federal appropriation of over \$1.47 million, the dream that has been four years in the making is finally going to be realized,"

would have been able to secure the funding so quickly," added McClain.

While the scoreboard project and Statesmen Boulevard moves forward, McClain has several additional plans on the horizon that will have the Statesmen Nation on its feet soon enough. "Without letting the cat out of the bag, we have a few other announcements coming down the line that will continue to expand our focus on the fans, coaches, and student-athletes here at Delta State" said McClain.

Pay It Forward

By Travis Chamblee

Delta State student-athletes often speak of the impact the community of Cleveland and the surrounding areas had on them throughout their careers as Statesmen and Lady Statesmen. Whether it is a simple "hello" around town, or exuberant cheering at an athletic event, the personal element is what makes Delta State athletics so special.

Coaches and their staffs have taken the initiative to make sure their athletes give back to the people who give so much to make the athletic programs at Delta State successful. Delta State athletes are involved in national campaigns, and are extremely influential in the lives of Cleveland's youth. Examples of "giving back" initiatives include:

- Cleveland Youth Mentor Program by helping children with their homework, and encouraging them to do their best in every aspect of their lives.
- Pearman Reading Project by reading to students at Pearman Elementary School.
- Martin and Sue King Railroad Heritage Museum by tennis head coach Asa Atkinson, amateur curator, donating his time in the restoration of a train layout.
- Make-a-Wish Foundation by raising funds to help grant the wishes of children with terminal illnesses.
- Relay For Life event by setting up and breaking down the facilities, lighting luminaries, and sponsoring a team in the event.
- K's for Cancer, an annual event in the Strikeout Cancer Campaign, by receiving pledges for each strikeout in a baseball/softball game with the funds raised going toward cancer research. The players also wore special blue and pink helmets during the game, which were auctioned off to raise funds.
- Think Pink Campaign, an awareness and education for breast cancer, by participating in its annual event.
- Habitat for Humanity by helping build houses.
- Cleveland Homeless Shelter by volunteering at the shelter.
- Pink Out Parker Field-McCool Stadium Program, a breast cancer awareness and education program, by encouraging fans to wear pink shirts to the game and the players wearing special pink ribbons on the back of their helmets.
- Special needs children in the Delta by hosting several free camps for them as well as working with children at local YMCAs.
- Cleveland Cleanup Day by spending a day picking up trash in and around the city of Cleveland.

"We would not be able to succeed without the city of Cleveland and Bolivar County," stated Athletic Director Jeremy McClain. "These are just a few ways that we can give back to a community that gives us so much."



Make-a-Wish child LaMante Allen got to wear the team jersey and shoes while sitting on the bench with the Statesmen basketball team.



Athletes participate in the Give-A-Bear program.

Trophy Stays In The Family

By Matthew W. Jones



Michael Eubanks

Delta State's Michael Eubanks is no stranger to hearing his name called at awards events across the country. On Thursday, June 27, the three-time first team All-American linebacker heard it for the last time in his collegiate career as he was named the recipient of the prestigious Gulf South Conference Commissioner's Trophy. The Commissioner's Trophy is awarded annually to the top male and female student-athlete in the GSC.

Eubanks is the fourth-straight football standout to claim the honor, and he is Delta State's eighth men's GSC Commissioner's Trophy winner. The award ups Delta State's all-time number of men's and women's honorees to 11, the most by any GSC school.

Eubanks the Athlete

- Established a new NCAA and GSC record for career sacks (39.0)
- Broke the GSC mark for career tackles-for-loss (70.5)
- Two-time GSC Defensive Player of the Year
- First Team All-GSC
- First Team Daktronics All-Southeast Region
- Finalist for the Draddy Award
- Finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy

Eubanks the Student

- Biology/Chemistry major
- Graduated in December with a 3.61 GPA
- Named to the National Football Foundation's prestigious list of Scholar-Athletes
- Received the Eddie Robinson National Scholar-Athlete Award
- (an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship)
- Three-time Academic All-GSC selection
- CoSIDA Academic All-Region honoree
- Two-time recipient of the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Foundation National Scholar-Athlete Award

Alumnus establishes \$1 million Charitable Remainder Unitrust

Jeff Ross Capwell ('60) recently established a \$1 million Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT) with the Delta State University Foundation serving as the trustee. The CRUT will pay Capwell and his wife, Jackie, income for life. "There are several advantages to donating to the University in this method," stated Capwell. "I purchased a few stocks years ago that greatly appreciated and my cost basis is only a fraction of the value today. So I have eliminated capital gains and will receive a guaranteed income for life for Jackie and me. The Foundation will serve as the trustee so my family has no financial responsibilities after the initial investment."

"The Delta State University Foundation appreciates Mr. Capwell's very thorough estate planning strategy that offers benefits to his family and to the University. When the trust matures the assets remaining in the trust will be used to endow the University's Department of Music," stated Keith Fulcher, Executive Director of the Foundation. "We

hope that others will follow his example and consider the advantages a charitable trust offers." In appreciation for his gift, the Department of Music will be named in his honor.

Capwell currently serves as Chairman and CEO for NCS, a diversified magazine sales company. He and his son, J. Ross Capwell III, also own Cambridge Marketing LLC in Selmer, Tennessee, a telemarketing and fulfillment company for magazine publishers. Capwell graduated with a degree in music in 1960. He earned an M.A. in music and attended VanderCook School of Music. He holds an Executive MBA from Harvard Business School and did post-graduate studies at Magdalene College at Cambridge University. Capwell was a Band Director and Instrumental Music teacher for twelve years. He was inducted into the Delta State Music Hall of Fame in 1982, named "Outstanding Alumnus" in 2002 and inducted into the Delta State Hall of Fame in 2007. Capwell



Jeff Ross Capwell

is a member of the Opera Memphis Board of Trust and Southern Growth Policies Board. He established the "Jeff Ross Capwell Endowed Music Scholarship Program" in 1981. In addition, the center lobby of the Bologna Performing Arts Center is named in honor of Capwell.



ALUMNI-FOUNDATION OFFICE RECEIVES RECOGNITION

The Alumni-Foundation Office recently earned a Top award from Mississippi's Institution of Higher Learning office for the "Increased Efficiencies in Business Processes through Barcoding." The honor was followed by national recognition in the magazine CURRENTS, a publication of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education that has a mailing list of 22,000. Damon Shaw (right) is shown demonstrating the barcoding software to Sharon Kubin. Shaw implemented the system, which enables the office to be more efficient in managing the database and in saving numerous hours of data entry.

Graeber Legacy Lives On

Lewis Adolphus Graeber, Jr., of Marks, passed away on March 22, 2008; however his goal to provide scholarships for needy students who attend Delta Academy will continue through the work of the Graeber Foundation. The foundation was formed in the mid-1950s by he and his brother James P. Graeber to financially help colleges provide needed services. "Mr. Graeber and his family are some of the most generous supporters of Delta State," said Keith Fulcher, Executive Director of the Alumni-Foundation. "We are saddened by



Lewis Graeber, Jr.

the loss of such a great man. He was truly an inspiration to me personally and to everyone who knew him. His life was lived in service of others."

In a 2007 news release Mr. Graeber stated "Delta State University is one of the best schools in Mississippi. Delta State provides the opportunity for a quality education to our children, and it is right here at home." Lindsey Hudson, the first recipient of a Graeber Foundation Scholarship, is enrolled in the School of Nursing and only has two semesters remaining until she graduates. "If not for a Graeber Foundation Scholarship, I would not have been able to attend Delta State," stated Lindsey. "The Graebers believed in me and encouraged me to continue my education at Delta State. Mr. Graeber will always be part of my life for the opportunity he has given to me."

He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Frances Clark Graeber; daughter Geri Graeber Pitts of Memphis; sons Lewis Adolphus Graeber III of Jackson, John Clark Graeber and William Mims Graeber of Marks; seven grandchildren; and, one great-grandchild.



Ann Giger, Tyrunula Tanna and Kristen Halcamb

Emergency Fund Established

Ann Giger (left), Director of Donor Relations, talks with students Tyrunula Tanna (center) and Kristen Holcomb (right) about a new emergency fund available to students who are experiencing sudden financial hardships due to a catastrophe. Delta State University is pleased to announce an anonymous donor has established an Emergency Fund for just such a situation. The donor stated, "This fund was established in honor of my grandchildren and to help students who are going through a tragedy."

Delta State University students are very fortunate to be associated with such an individual who has the best interests of students at heart.

First Recipient Named

Calvin Simmons presents a commemorative plaque to Ruth Henderson, a senior from Greenville, as the first recipient of the Debbie Simmons Social Work Scholarship Award. Henderson stated, "I see this scholarship as an unbelievable joy and at the same time a tremendous responsibility to be a testament to Debbie's love of social work. Through my love of and dedication to social work, it is an honor to keep Mrs. Simmons' memory alive. I thank the Simmons' family for allowing me this opportunity."



Calvin Simmons and Ruth Henderson

The award was established by the Simmons family to honor Debbie who was a 1990 graduate. In order to reflect Debbie's rich and passionate career, the scholarship seeks to highlight excellence in social work by seeking out and helping students who are dedicated and motivated to help others.

Nursing School Receives Scholarships

The Delta State University Foundation is pleased to announce Teddy Kittle, of Cleveland, has endowed the Kate Smith Kittle Memorial Nursing Scholarship in remembrance of his mother. Kittle also created a scholarship in 2007 for his sister Kate.

"If others are better off because of the love my mother and sister had for nursing then these two scholarships will have been successful," said Kittle. Dr. Libby Carlson, Dean of the School of Nursing, stated, "Many of our students must work in addition to being full-time students, thus creating a challenge for some to be able to do their best. Scholarships, such as the ones from Mr. Kittle, enable our students to focus more on their studies, which results in better-prepared nurses."



Teddy Kittle

ANNUAL FUND REPORT: Sledges hold record

"Tommy Sledge, Chair and Professor of Commercial Aviation, and his wife Alinda Capps Sledge, Chair of the Social Work department, have been our most consistent and loyal donors to *The Delta State Fund*, said Missy Pearce, Director of Annual Giving. "Additionally, Keith Fulcher has made his own Annual Fund gift every year since his employment at Delta State (13 years), and Peter Jernberg is also celebrating his fourteenth consecutive year," said Pearce.

TOP FIVE GIVING CLUB DONORS July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

We are proud to honor the following alumni, parents, faculty, staff, corporations, and friends who have believed in the mission of Delta State University and have a desire to make an eternal difference in our students' lives. These donors' unrestricted gifts to *The Delta State Fund* impact every student on our campus. Thank you!

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Top 5 Decades by Number of Gifts

Congratulations to the "Decade of the 70s" who made the most number of gifts to *The Delta State Fund* between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008!

RANK	DECADE	# OF DONORS
#1	1970s	194
#2	1990s	162
#3	1980s	133
#4	1960s	123
#5	2000s	76

Top 5 Decades by Total Dollar Amount of Gifts

Congratulations AGAIN to the "Decade of the 70s" who contributed the highest dollar amount to *The Delta State Fund* between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008!

RANK	DECADE	DOLLARS
#1	1970s	\$33,000.00
#2	1950s	\$27,910.00
#3	1960s	\$17,995.00
#4	1980s	\$15,720.00
#5	1990s	\$10,903.00

Top 10 States by Number of Gifts

Congratulations to Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas who rank in the top five in the "most number of donors by State" to *The Delta State Fund* between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008!

RANK	STATE	# OF DONORS
#1	MS	631
#2	TN	74
#3	TX	35
#4	LA	31
#5	AR	28
#6	GA	25
#7	AL	23
#8	FL	20
#9	NC	14
#10	VA	12

Top 10 States by Total Dollar Amount of Gifts

Congratulations to Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia who rank in the top five in the "total dollar amount by State" to *The Delta State Fund* between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008!

RANK	STATE	DOLLARS
#1	MS	\$91,160.00
#2	TN	\$16,540.00
#3	AL	\$12,925.00
#4	FL	\$ 5,770.00
#5	GA	\$ 5,727.00
#6	AK	\$ 2,620.00
#7	DE	\$ 2,500.00
#8	LA	\$ 2,145.00
#9	TX	\$ 1,965.00
#10	AR	\$ 1,855.00



Keith Fulcher,
Executive Director
of the Alumni
Foundation, presents
Jimmy Sludge
(right) a DSU logo cap
in appreciation of his
fourteen consecutive
years of giving to "The
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Named in honor of the presidents of Delta State who have served since the University's founding in 1924: James W. Broom, William M. Kethley, James M. Ewing, Aubrey K. Lucas, Kent Wyatt, David Potter, and John M. Hilpert.

STATESMEN'S CLUB \$5,000 to \$9,999
Named in honor of the official mascot of Delta State. The "Statesman" was officially adopted in 1975.

FOUNDER'S CLUB \$2,500 to \$4,999
Named for the men and women who founded Delta State Teachers College. The first planning meeting was held September 1922 when Mr. J.C. Roberts credited the idea of a Teacher's College in Cleveland to M. A.K. Eckles, then Bolivar County Superintendent of Education.

DEAN'S CIRCLE \$1,000 to \$2,499
Named in honor of all former Deans of the University, beginning with Dean William H. Zeigel, the first academic dean of Delta State Teachers College.

UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE \$500 to \$999
Named in honor of all former faculty and staff who have served the University for the past 81 years and who have seen the oak trees on the Quadrangle grow from small saplings to mighty giants.

PARTNER \$250 to \$499
Named in honor of alumni and friends who "partner" with Delta State's Alumni-Foundation Office to raise private funds for the support of the University's students, faculty and staff.

DIRECTOR'S CLUB \$100 to \$249
Named in honor of the directors of Delta State University's Alumni-Foundation since its founding in 1930: Gladys Castle, H. L. Nowell, Kent Wyatt, Dave "Boo" Ferriss, Hugh Ellis Walker, Don Skelton, and Keith Fulcher.

HERITAGE CLUB \$25 to \$99
Named in recognition for the University's academic, political, economic, and social contributions to the Delta, the state of Mississippi, and the Nation.

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THE MARK OF SUCCESS

New logo kicks off marketing initiative

"It's time for us to share with the world the opportunity we have to be the Best Regional University in America," says Dr. Michelle Roberts, Vice President for University Relations. As a result, Delta State University is in the process of developing a comprehensive, aggressive approach to marketing.

In the spring of 2005 DSU President Dr. John Hilpert and the University Foundation realized the market was changing and competition for new student enrollment was becoming increasingly fierce. Delta State needed to develop a strategic marketing campaign to establish itself as a regional competitor and to attract high-quality students.

While the goal seemed easy enough, history had proven the effort to be not easily attainable. "Numerous attempts were made over the years to implement similar plans but all were unsuccessful due to lack of funding," said Dr. Roberts. "This is the first time Delta State has moved forward with a campus-wide strategic marketing initiative and credit must be given to President Hilpert, the DSU Foundation, and the DSU Alumni Association for having the courage to provide the initial funding to get the campaign started."

After three years of conducting image studies, focus group sessions, publication audits, and website analysis, Delta State's first marketing initiative was implemented in the fall of 2008. The process began with a campus-wide contest for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to submit ideas for a new logo. All submissions were assessed by the University's Marketing Advisory Committee and, with the assistance of a professional education marketing firm, resulted in the development of a new logo and tagline.

The new logo is a reflection of the information collected from Delta State's various constituency groups over the last three years and fits within Delta State's new brand. The logo symbolizes the idea of positive change that is one of the definitions of the word Delta and also an outcome of the student experience at Delta State. Additional dimension, shown through the use of color, depicts the richness of the University's diverse community and the depth of the students' educational experiences at Delta State.

The new university tag line, "Join in. Stand out." was announced by Dr. Hilpert in his State of the University address in August. In talking about plans for the university's future, President Hilpert stated "the new marketing campaign is ready and will launch in a matter of days under the thematic banner, Join In. Stand Out."



Images from the three commercials that are airing in Memphis and throughout Mississippi. View them online at newlogo.deltastate.edu



This strong message catches the attention of prospective students by addressing the Generation Y twin priorities to be part of a community while retaining individuality. It both welcomes and challenges. It sorts the market and invites the interest of those who want to achieve. 'Join In. Stand Out,' he affirmed.

The implementation of the new marketing initiative began when the new logo and tagline were presented to the internal campus community through an on-line unveiling ceremony in September. Various educational training sessions were conducted by the Department of Communications and Marketing for each department/division to ensure that the University's branding efforts would be unified and consistent in internal and external presentations of the university's new identity.

Another element of the new marketing campaign is a series of three 30-second television commercials which began running in September on various cable venues throughout Mississippi via the Cable One network. Delta State alumnus, Pete Peden, General Manager for Cable One, donated air time on the 14-27 networks that run in 14 areas of the state. "Cable One began an alliance with DSU in 1988 with the 'Delta Connection' campaign, and we have been supporting the University and its efforts ever since," says Peden. "We are very pleased to be a partner in the university's first marketing initiative by delivering the Delta State message statewide."

This is the first time in the university's history that Delta State has had professionally-produced commercials. "During October 2007, the campus looked like a Hollywood film set with all of the associated equipment and onlookers. We had everything from the big boom equipment, studio lighting, and even a person responsible for making sure our 'actors' hair and makeup were in place," concluded Roberts.

In addition to running on the cable network, the commercials will also air in the North Mississippi and Memphis areas. "One of the priorities we plan to achieve with this campaign is to establish a Delta State presence beyond the State," says Dr. Deborah Heslep, Dean of Enrollment Management. "We intend to become more of a regional competitor and to do that we have to expand our marketing approach. We will establish a stronger presence in the Memphis area through television advertising and various other approaches."

Redesigning the university website, making it more user-friendly, is another objective of the new marketing initiative. "For this generation of students, the focus is on electronic media, and we plan to integrate the website more closely with university print materials in order to present a consistent message," says Michael Gann, Director of Communications and Marketing. "The updates will also benefit alumni by providing more opportunities for electronic interaction... ways for alumni to network."

"Being the 'Best Kept Secret' is something we are going to change," says Roberts. "We intend to be recognized as the best regional university in America and with continued support from the University, the DSU Foundation, and our alumni, this new marketing initiative will enable us to do just that".



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Join in. Stand out.

The Gentle Art

Educator Peter Jernberg brings values



"He sets the standard and we all want to rise to it."

Sarah Wofford Love

of Teaching

and compassion to the academy



Peter Jernberg, President of Jackson Academy, has been named Alumnus of the Year.

Growing up on his family's farm outside Sumner, Mississippi, Peter Jernberg ('65) couldn't imagine a career with regional, national, and even international dimensions. Yet, that is the life he has enjoyed. Today he is the President of Mississippi's largest private school, Jackson Academy in the state capital, and he is Delta State University's Alumnus of the Year for 2008.

"Peter Jernberg is an educator to admire," said DSU's President John Hilpert. "Students are always his highest priority, but his contributions to education reach well beyond the boundaries of the institution he serves."

Jernberg arrived at Delta State in 1961 to study history. His election as president of the student association foreshadowed a career built on leadership skills that are clearly second nature for him. Because his DSU education and friends have played pivotal roles in his life and career, Jernberg credits much of his success to his alma mater. His philosophy of education is rooted in the university's emphasis on sound academic performance and service to the community.

"Any success I may have is due in great part to Delta State and the quality education and nurturing support the university has always provided and continues to offer its students," Jernberg said.

LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

In 2005 Jackson Academy named Jernberg its first president and head of school. His responsibilities include all external affairs – for instance, capital campaigns and alumni relations – strategic planning, and institutional leadership. Since his arrival in 1988 as the school's headmaster, enrollment has grown to 1,400 in the K to 12 programs.

Jernberg found a familiar face at Jackson Academy, someone he knew from his undergraduate days at Delta State. Hunter Cade ('66), a successful local businessman who chaired the Jackson Academy Board of Trustees, had been Jernberg's roommate at DSU.

Cade believes that Jackson Academy was lucky to attract an administrator of Jernberg's stature.

"We were able to convince him to come to Jackson and he has done a wonderful job here," said Cade. "He could have been the CEO of any company, but thankfully we kept him in education where he has made tremendous contributions."

Jernberg was the first Mississippian to serve as president of the Southern Association of Independent Schools. He has also served on the board of trustees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) for ten years. Now he is president-elect of the SACS Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

As a founding trustee for AdvancED, Jernberg provides leadership at a governing-board level for this comprehensive accrediting collaborative with national and international reach. Affiliated agencies are responsible for schools in 30 states and 65 other countries.

Looking back, Cade said Jernberg has changed very little since their undergraduate days. "He has

the same values now as then," said Cade, "He gives a lot of credit to his family and Delta State, as well as his childhood in the Delta. He's a solid Christian whose faith defines him."

On any given morning, Jernberg can be found walking the Jackson Academy campus greeting students and faculty. And his day doesn't end when the last bell of the day rings. He is frequently on campus in the evenings for school business.

Still Jernberg's focus remains on the students, their needs and their achievements.

"Every child is God's creation," explained Jernberg. "We have to be mindful of that principle and sensitive to it. We maintain an environment where a child can succeed and enjoy his or her level of success."

"It's about academic excellence, performing with high standards, even as we are aware of individual needs. We partner with families for the well-being of their children. It's important to me to be a good steward of the school culture."

Jernberg draws on his own academic experience to meet the needs of students. At Delta State he excelled in the social sciences but struggled with mathematics. He still recalls the help of a particular professor.

"Mr. Ray Wilson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, understood. His compassion was conveyed to me. He wanted students to succeed and he celebrated their successes," Jernberg explained. "I've tried to emulate that compassion and sensitivity to others."

Jernberg sees this philosophy at the heart of Jackson Academy's culture of academic excellence and outstanding co-curricular activities. He matches strong spiritual values with social growth opportunities, leadership development, and respect for others.

CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT AT DELTA STATE

As an alumnus, Jernberg's dedication and service to Delta State University remains strong.

He served as president of the DSU Foundation for two years, a position he

calls a privilege. His entire tenure with the Foundation Board spans some 30 years. He is a past president of the DSU Alumni Association, an involvement he credits to Hugh Ellis Walker, now Director Emeritus of Alumni and Foundation.

"Because of my appreciation for how the university serves the region, as well as the state and beyond, I'm committed to the mission of Delta State," Jernberg said.

Friend Hunter Cade recalled, "Ever since we got out of college, Peter's been involved with DSU's alumni affairs. He was instrumental in building the Alumni-Foundation House. He's a great ambassador for the university. He gives Delta State so much credit for where he is today."

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Over the years, Jernberg has observed numerous changes at DSU, not just in physical facilities, but also in the university's commitment to its community.

"It has become a cultural center for the Delta," he reported. "I'm very appreciative of how it serves in that capacity."

He also pointed to the increased diversity in the student population, a change he termed very healthy.

Strong university leadership through the years is a point of pride for Jernberg, specifically the presidents with whom he's worked: Drs. James Ewing, Aubrey Lucas, Kent Wyatt, David Potter, and now John Hilpert.

"They have all provided a positive vision for Delta State," Jernberg said. "I couldn't be more pleased with where the leadership is taking the university today. They've reached out to the Delta and beyond by partnering

with communities in education, health, business development, and other services."

DSU STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Delta State's special environment drew Jernberg after he graduated from West Tallahatchie High School.

"It was the opportunity for a smaller college atmosphere that my family felt would be best for me at that time in my life," said Jernberg.

His parents promised if he spent two years at DSU and wished to transfer he could do so. However, it turned out not to be necessary.

"After a very short time at Delta State, I was so attached to the school that I wouldn't go anywhere else," he said. "It embraced me and I was grateful for the opportunities I had there: the academic growth, the values, and the chance to mature socially."

He especially enjoyed the academics, the faculty, and the caring campus culture.

Jernberg compared Delta State in the early 1960s to a small boarding school. With the Greek system at DSU in its infancy, the school had no fraternity or sorority houses. However, entertainment was available.

"Everybody would go to The Mill which was the campus grill," according to Jernberg. "There was a jukebox dance every night during the week. It was a close-knit community."

During those years, Jernberg worked as an assistant to Dr. William Laforge, Chair of the History Department and later Dean of Arts and Sciences. Exposure to this accomplished professor brought Jernberg more education than he could find in any textbook.

"It was a period of enlightenment," he said. "I learned the value of applying yourself and taking advantage of academic opportunities the university offered. It motivated me to be the best I could be in the classroom."

Director of Student Activities, H. L. Nowell, also made an indelible mark on Jernberg's life.

"He was a tremendous influence, much like a second father," said Jernberg. "To this day his genuine care for me and many other

students reflects the spirit of Delta State. It remains a distinctive feature of the university."

After graduation in 1965, Jernberg headed to law school, but his childhood sweetheart, Patricia Anne Wolfe, was still at Delta State.

"I spent more time commuting back to Cleveland to see her than in the law library," Jernberg teased.

It was on those drives that he recognized his calling to the field of education and he returned to Delta State for a master's degree in history. He also served as a graduate assistant and taught undergraduate history courses.

Dr. William C. Cash, Chair of the History Department, played an important role in Jernberg's continuing education. "He was one of my lead professors. He taught life lessons around a faith and values system," said Jernberg.

Another powerful influence was Dr. Henry Jacob, Dean of the Graduate Programs. "He referred to the gentle art of teaching," said Jernberg. "It meant to be proficient in an academic discipline but to know the importance of understanding those you are teaching."

Jernberg earned his first master's degree in 1967 and married Pat Wolfe that same year. (The Jernbergs have one daughter, Jennifer Robin Jernberg Hughley.)

EARLY AND SUSTAINED SUCCESS

Later in 1967 Jernberg took his initial teaching position at Indianola Academy. Glenn Cain, a former DSU Dean of Men, recruited him to the position.

Jernberg credits Cain and another Indianola Academy colleague, Jimmy Lear, with teaching him the values, professionalism and dedication of school administration.

But Jernberg wasn't quite finished with being a student himself. He subsequently earned a master's degree in school administration and an educational specialist degree, both from Delta State. In addition, he completed graduate coursework at Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of South Carolina.

After working just two years as a teacher and



Peter Jernberg

a coach at Indianola Academy, Jernberg became principal of the high school of 750 students almost overnight.

"The reason I am able to survive was the wonderful, loyal, seasoned, and experienced faculty that surrounded me," he said. "They were tolerant of me as a young administrator."

From 1979 until he moved to Jackson Academy in 1988, Jernberg was Headmaster of Indianola Academy.

A STANDARD FOR OTHERS

Sarah Wofford Love ('97) is the elementary dean at Jackson Academy and yet another Delta State connection. She received her master's

degree from the university and met Jernberg when she interviewed him for a class project.

"I'm so pleased to be associated with him through Delta State University," Love said. "He represents it well. He elevates DSU in all our minds here."

Jernberg's leadership skills impressed Love when she started working at Jackson Academy as his administrative assistant. By watching Jernberg interact with parents, teachers, administrators, and students, she used him as a role model to develop her own skills.

"He's so people-oriented," she explained. "He sets the standard and we all want to rise to it."

National Politics, Local Action



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By Joshua L. Walker

The 2008 Presidential Election has brought politics back to the dinner table. Over the course of the last two weeks both national parties have charged the atmosphere with political rhetoric and heated debate. We have witnessed electrifying speeches from John McCain and Barack Obama. The energy and enthusiasm surrounding the candidates at the national level and the epic scale of the campaigns have created a scene dubbed by the media as the most important election in a generation.

The fierce race between Senators John McCain and Barack Obama has attracted the interest of young and first-time voters across the country like no other election in recent history. The new generation of voters are joining the political process en masse, and efforts are underway all over the country to register young voters. To capture the energy and rhythms of this great national political event, the Delta State

Madison Center has developed the DSU Votes 2008 program.

DSU Votes 2008 is a bipartisan, campus-intense and community-wide endeavor, involving students in discussions and debates, linking local residents in political discussions, registering voters, and presenting speakers in public forums. Most importantly, the project will document the election season through the eyes of Delta State students and residents of surrounding communities through video interviews. Center workers also hope to produce a documentary of all their work which will follow the election season from beginning to end.

The program is a response to the dismal voter turnout for the 2004 Presidential Election in which fewer than half of Mississippi residents made it to the polls. Among younger voters, participation is even weaker, and many unregistered voters claimed that they did not care about politics and did not want to participate. Delta State student

volunteers are working to change these figures through public events and voter registration drives.

The idea is to create a social atmosphere around political events that encourages students to gather and discuss the candidates among themselves and with guest speakers. Many notable speakers have been recruited to address students and the community on a variety of topics related to the election. On the slate so far are State Representative David Norquist, Bolivar County Circuit Clerk Marilyn Kelly, and Douglas Blackmon of the Wall Street Journal. Congressman Bennie Thompson will also offer his thoughts on the election season.

In addition to speakers, DSU Votes 2008 coordinators will televise the presidential debates for public view on campus and follow these events with open discussions of the candidates and issues. The goal, as explained by project volunteers, is to create a town hall on campus, a place where citizens come together to discuss their opinions and work through political decisions.

Another important aspect of the project is that it will reach out to young voters in ways that appeal to them, that is, electronically. The social events connected to DSU Votes 2008 will be complemented by a sophisticated media package. The project's website will offer to anyone who is interested the chance to follow the election through video interviews, podcasts, and electronic polls and surveys. Students can also voice their opinions on the website blog associated with the project. In short, DSU Votes 2008 represents the most comprehensive attempt in the history of the university to connect students with the political process.

Directing the DSU Votes Campaign is Dr. Garry Jennings, Professor of Political Science at Delta State, and director of The Madison Center. Professor Jennings has been involved in numerous efforts to involve students in politics and citizenship. For eight years, he has directed the Madison Athenaeum, a college-immersion program available to local high school students.

The student coordinator for the project is Kate Kinnison, a Political Science/English double-major who is involved in the Honors Program, the Freshman Orientation program, Governmental Affairs Director of the Student Government Association, President of the Kappa Delta sorority and a winner of the 2008

Corre Anding Stegall Collegiate Leadership Award.

"I am very excited about the DSU Votes 2008 Program," states Kinnison. "In this historic election, it is vital that we are all active citizens. With the DSU Votes program, we are hoping to address political apathy by registering voters, educating them, and mobilizing them on November 4. Through the program, I hope to help others to see the importance of being active and involved voting citizens."

Kinnison is supported by a growing number of student volunteers. The team is composed of a diverse group of majors and backgrounds, including international students. They will be responsible for every level of the project from planning events to capturing the documentary on video. The majority of volunteers will take turns manning voter registration booths in the Student Union and other locations in the community. Other volunteers will assist with maintaining the website and posting blog entries.

The efforts of the volunteers will be supplemented by other departments and student organizations. The Student Government Association will hold registration drives in conjunction with the project. SGA will also be represented at the various public forums, as will the College Republicans and

Young Democrats. Dr. Fadiga-Stuart and Mrs. Arlene Sanders, both political scientists, will conduct polls and surveys throughout the season that will contribute to the effort. Robyn Moore, Assistant Professor of Art, will lend her support by conducting mini-workshops on the art of the video. Even the Delta Music Institute students will join the project by composing campaign songs.

All events planned around the election season will be open to the public, and everyone in the community is invited to attend. Alumni and friends are also encouraged to visit the website and follow the process step-by-step. Please check catotheyounger.org for more information and eventual links to the project website.

We are hoping to address political apathy by registering voters, educating them, and mobilizing them on November 4.

- Kate Kinnison



Kate Kinnison signs up volunteer Tracey Paul for the DSU Votes 2008 program.

Class Notes

1940s



1940

Thelma Chapman Barland, of Hermanville, has been honored by Hermanville Baptist Church for her over 60 years of service. She continues to serve as Church Clerk, teacher and chair director.

1950s

1953

Jeanne Walker, of Cleveland, retired from the position of Chancery Clerk of Bolivar County after 32 years of service.

1954

Bryce Griffis, of Starkville, was inducted into the Mississippi Business Hall of Fame which recognizes leaders for significant contribution to the growth and development in the state.

1960s

1960

Jeff Ross Capwell, of Memphis, TN, conducted the orchestra for the "Cinderella" performance at the Orpheum Theater.

Troy C. Greer, of Mendenhall, was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

1963

Jerry R. Peyton, of Kennesaw, GA, retired from YKK Corporation of America after 14 years.

1964

Fred Rossi, of New Jersey, was inducted into the Watchung Hills High School Hall of Fame. Rossi played semi-pro baseball in the Union County and Plainfield Twilight Leagues after Delta State University.

1968

Larry Therrell, of Brandon, was inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

1970s

1971

Gerald Deloach, of Alligator, was named Outstanding Art Alumnus of the Year at Delta State University.

1972

Rex Berryman, of Mooreville, became the first high school baseball coach in Mississippi to reach the 1,000th victory milestone.

1973

Robert J. Wilson, of Jackson, was promoted to executive director of Mississippi Main Street Association.



1974

Colonel John Scott Ellis, United States Air Force (Ret.), formerly of Cleveland, was honored in Arlington, VA, by Air Force Major General Charles R. Davis for work in support of the Defense Department's largest aircraft acquisition program. The general congratulated Ellis and others under his command for their role in winning the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) award for the Outstanding System Program Office for 2007.

Dr. Gary Lee Spears, of Senatobia, was named Alumnus of the Year at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

1976

Jerald Ainsworth, of Hammond, LA, has taken a position with Southeastern Louisiana University as the Dean for Research and Graduate Studies.

Herman F. Cox, of Gulfport, was elected to the office of Harrison County Attorney and will be sworn in on January 3.

Carolyn Woodward, of Tampa, FL, is the art director of one magazine for Source Interlink Media, and associate director of two other magazines.

1977

Rick Rodriguez, of Clearwater, FL, was named Pinellas County Coach of the Year for the 2006-07 season. He is the head coach for the Largo High School Packers and had the first undefeated season in Largo history since 1924.

John O. Schwenn, of Dalton, GA, became the President of Dalton State College in Georgia on March 1.

1978

Lynn Fletcher Shurden, of Drew, was named director of the Bolivar County Library System.



Charlie Wright, of Olive Branch, was inducted into Pillow Academy's inaugural Sports Hall of Fame.

1979

Ann Bassi Minyard, of Alpharetta, GA, is the Director of Application Support and technical training with IMMUCOR, a medical equipment company in Atlanta.

1980s

1980

Charles Dudley Jr., of Kirkland, IL, is currently a Clinical Director of the Northern Illinois Anxiety Clinic in Rockford, IL.

Stephen B. Simpson, of Gulfport, has been appointed by Governor Haley Barbour as Commissioner of Mississippi's Department of Public Safety.

1981

Barry Harper, of McNeil, was given the Distinguished Service Award from Pearl River Community College.

1983

Michael Enriquez, of Batavia, OH, was re-elected to a second four-year term on the Batavia Local Schools Board of Education in Batavia, a suburb of Cincinnati, OH.

Mark Williams, of Cleveland, was elected president of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce.

1984

Dr. Tara Mallett, of Lucedale, was recognized by the George County Regional Hospital for outstanding service.

David Norquist, of Cleveland, was appointed to the Bolivar County Advisory Board of State Bank and Trust.

1985

Corrie Boykin, of Tupela, is an online instructor of physical science at Itawamba Community College.



NELSON

Dr. Scott Nelson, of Cleveland, a family physician, was elected President of the National Association of Medical Communicators.



POPE

Edward Pope, of Cleveland, was selected to receive Delta State's "Hugh Ellis Walker Alumni Service Award" which will be presented at Homecoming 2008.

1986

Bradley D. Woodcock, of Saltillo, is a physical therapist assistant with the NMMC Home Health Agency of Tupelo.

1987

Laird Hamberlin, of Cumming, GA, was promoted to VP of Global Accounts at ADT Worldwide.

Alvin Loewenberg Jr., of San Antonio, TX, is president and CEO of Morningside Ministries.



VICK

Dr. Dwight Vick Ph.D., of Amarillo, TX, was promoted to Graduate Director of Political Science and Criminal Justice Programs at West Texas A&M University.

1988

Burns Strider, of Washington, DC, is one of the leading strategists of the Democratic Party. He now heads religious outreach for the House Democratic Caucus and is lead staffer for the Democrats' Faith Working Group.

Donald W. Tassin, of Petal, was promoted to vice president and branch manager of the Bancorp South main office in Petal.

1990s



FRATESI

1990

Beverly Fratesi, of Leland, was named chief information officer with Sunguard, who operates Delta State University's technology system.

Duke Anthony Heidelberg, a native of Ellisville, is owner of Heidelberg Law Office.

1993

Melanie Kalkbrenner Bray, of Cleveland, passed her national board exams to make her a nationally certified teacher at West Bolivar Elementary School.

Kevin Docus, of Cordova, TN, is a business process analyst with Smith and Nephew medical equipment firm in Memphis.

Paxton Mogenson, of Madison, was promoted to senior vice president of Mississippi National Bankers Bank.



DAVIS

1994

Michael P. Davis, M.D., of Kenner, LA, is currently Board-Certified in Family Medicine and is founder and owner of The FamilyMD Medical Clinic, a walk-in primary care clinic in the New Orleans area.



HANCOCK

John Anthony "Tony" Hancock, of Moorhead, was named Head Baseball Coach at the Moorhead College.



JACKSON

Dr. Tyrone Jackson, of Rosedale, was named interim director of graduate and continuing studies at Delta State University.



VAUGHN

Liza Vaughn, of Cleveland, is the Assistant Alumni Director at Delta State University.

1996

Christopher Davis, of Grenada, was named staff writer/editor in the public relations department of the Mississippi State Hospital.

Cam Harrington, of Alpharetta, GA, is the general manager of an Atlanta Area Restaurant, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen.



JONES

Brian Jones, of Madison, MS, has been promoted to Director, Financial Analysis and Planning at Cellular South.

1997

C. Ryon Akers, Ph.D., of Starkville, completed his Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services and is employed within the School of Human Sciences at Mississippi State University.

Serena Clark, of Jackson, is an attorney and has been named a Chief Policy Analyst serving as chief liaison between Mississippi Governor's office and entities that receive Katrina recovery funds.

Falicia L. Edwards, of Byram, has earned the certification as a Registered Environmental Manager.

Robbie Browner Ouzts, of Smyrna, GA, is Assistant Director of Career Services at North Georgia University in Dahlonega, GA.

With the Classes

1998

Farrah Dennis Cox, of Brandon, is employed with the Mississippi Real Estate Commission in Flowood where she is a licensed real estate broker and presently pursuing a Master's in Public Administration with an emphasis in public management from Troy, AL.

Tony Cox, of Brandon, is an environmental scientist with Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in Pearl.

Wendy Unger-Moore, of College Park, GA, was named marketing manager for Spalding.

1999

Joey Brown, of Collierville, TN, is a sales engineer with Securas, a dental consulting group.



GARDNER

Mandy Gordner, Realtor/Broker Associate with Century 21 Maselle & Associates in Jackson, MS, finished second for the Metro Jackson Area, fourth for the State of Mississippi and sixteenth for the MidSouth Region among Century 21 agents for 2007 in sales production.

Julie Hollingsworth, of Byhalia, serves as system senior marketing coordinator for Baptist Memorial and was named an At-Large Member of Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation.

Monika DeShawn Kemp, of Clarksdale, earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Mississippi State University.

Emily Speck, of New Albany, is now the Superintendent of the Pontotoc County School District.



WORMACK

Dwaun Wormack, of Cordova, TN, was selected to receive Delta State's "Kent Wyatt Young Alumnus Service Award," which will be presented at Homecoming 2008.

2000s

2000

Todd Fuller, of Cleveland, was elected trustee for Cleveland School Sub-District Two.

2001

Crystal Sims, of Lexo, AR, was named the 2007 DeQueen-Servier County/CCCUA Teacher of the Year at Cassat Community College.

2002

Steve A. Groy, of Vicksburg, was named director of member services and legislative liaison for the Mississippi Association of Supervisors in Jackson.

Alon McKiernon, of Southaven, is the Benefit Manager with Baker Donelson Law Firm in Memphis.



SIMPSON

Larkin Simpson, of Diamanhead, is the Associate Economic Developer for the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission while also working toward a master's degree in Economic Development at USM in Hattiesburg.

James Cory Smith, of Addison, TX, is employed with MartinAire as Assistant Chief Pilot.



BAILEY

2003

Jamie Bailey, of Cascilla, was a recipient of the 2007 FedEx Services Five Star Award, the most prestigious individual award which recognizes accomplishments in innovation, collaboration, efficiency and profitability.

Rebekah Brooks Simpson, of Diamanhead, is a teacher at Delisle/Pass Christian Elementary.

Shonna Lee Taylor, of Alligator, is the 4-H agent in Coahoma County.

Allen Towles, of Cleveland, has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of Guaranty Bank & Trust of Cleveland.

2004

David Ferriss, of Nashville, TN, is the director of member services and new member representative for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.



GLASGOW

William Ray Glasgow, of Merigold, is Assistant Chief Flight Instructor at AirLink.



GRIFFIN

Laura Lee Griffin, of Southaven, was promoted to Investment Officer at BancorpSouth Investment Services, Inc. in Olive Branch.

Parker Lipscomb, of Greenville, is working in his family business Lipscomb Oil Company, Inc. which is centered in convenience store and food service operations.

Joe Wehrle, of Saints Albans, WV, is the women's soccer coach at Bluefield College in Bluefield, VA.



FARRIS

Jeffrey Farris, of Cleveland, was named the Director of Alumni Affairs at Delta State.

2005

Mott Saffley, of Wesson, is a third year Medical student at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

Timothy Stormes, Jr., of Cleveland, is employed by Building Plastics Inc. as an account manager.

Stuart McClain Ware, of Asheville, NC, is currently employed with Griffin Architects P.A. & Fireside Antiques and Interiors as an Associate Interior Designer. She is also an Allied Member of the American Society of Interior Designers and was recently featured in Carolina Home & Garden Magazine for interior styling.

2006

Shane Howell, of Cleveland, is an insurance agent with New York Life.

Ashley Robertson, of Moon Lake, was promoted to Public Relations Officer and Marketing Director for Delta Southern Bank.

Kathryn Safley, of Wesson, is working in cardiovascular research at St. Luke Hospital Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City.

Ben Skelton, of Greenville, is currently a Peace Corps agriculture volunteer in a remote African Village, Mansadala.

Archie Tucker II, of Greenville, is annual fund officer at Mississippi Valley State University.

Sara Jane Nelson, of Greenwood, is employed by Capital Broadcasting Company as a Multimedia Account Executive for WRAZ/Fox 50, Retro Television Network in Durham, NC.

2007

Britnee Pearson, of Pearl, is now a development representative for the American Cancer Society in Jackson.

Attended

Judy Baldwin, of Cleveland, was promoted to vice president of Depositor Services at Planters Bank.

Amberly Wilson Collins, of Flowood, has joined Metropolitan YMCA's of Mississippi as the director of development.

Karl Daniel, of Clarksdale, is the owner of Mid Delta Realty Company.

James Russell Stubbs, of Benoit, was elected to the advisory board of Guaranty Bank & Trust Company.



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In Memoriam

All deaths occurred in 2008 unless otherwise noted.

Rebecca Hood-Adams '79, of Clarksdale, on June 23.

George B. Arnold '75, of Bossier City, LA, on June 21.

Doris Woods-Askew (attended), of Cleveland, on April 16.

Courtney Hugh Best Ballard (attended), formerly of Cleveland, on April 20.

Molly Ann Bates (student), of Jacksonville, FL, on March 29.

Helen Elizabeth Beckham '41, of Jackson, on March 28.

Mary Louise "Toty" Terney Bishop '72, of Greenwood, on January 17.

Nell Kirschenbaum Bishop '73, of Biloxi, on March 1.

Jo Carol Bledsoe '92, of Greenville, on May 7.

Jessie Brawn Jr. (attended), of Rosedale, on December 21, 2007.

James Harold Burdine Jr '91, of Greenville, on February 29.

Gary Michael Burton (attended), of Greenwood, on February 23.

Adrian "A.J." Cannon (student), of New Albany, on May 24.

Allan C. Casanova '67, of Nevillewood, PA, on May 29.

Anna Laura Dickerson Cann '32, of Benoit, on January 31.

James Estus Davis (attended), of Jackson, on April 30.

Ann Hamilton Dackery Dean '62, of Memphis, TN, on March 11.

Betty Kerg Dean '73, of Leland, on January 7.

Rachel Frances Channell Dunn '94, of Jackson, on January 11.

Annie Laurie County Edgar '39, of Jackson, on April 1.

William Henry Edwards Jr (attended), of Lexington, on January 29.

Marshall Fair (attended), of Clarksdale, on June 20.

Jo Ellen Lambert Ferguson (former employee), of Ruleville, on March 28.

Edward Gail Futey (attended), of Greenville, on March 26, 2008.

James "Jim" Edward Gillan '65, of Memphis, on December 16, 2007.

Lewis Adolphus Graeber, Jr., (friend) of Marks, on March 22, 2008.

Jeffrey S. Greenway (attended), of Meridian, on June 17.

Mallie Elizabeth Stewart Harris (attended), of Birmingham, on May 28.

Charles P. House (friend), of Cleveland, on April 1.

Louise Winter Hurdle '39, of Sloyden, on February 23.

Charles L. Hutchinson (attended), of Cleveland, on May 17.

Michael F. Jackson '91, of Flowood, on September 6, 2007.

Monterio Deshun James (former student), of Starkville, AL, on February 28.

Opal Tabb Jennings (attended), of Vonce, TN, on May 8.

Chester Kassman (friend), of Merigold, on December 17, 2007.

Juliet Jacobs Kassman (friend), of Cleveland, on June 2.

Velma L. Major (attended), of Vicksburg, on June 11.

Warrene Hanks Marshall (attended), of Corthage, TX, on June 1.

Dr. Paul R. Mattox, (former professor), of Oshkosh, WI, on February 26.

William "Bill" I. McGarr '54, of Baton Rouge, LA, on March 21.

Marguerite "Tutta" McKell '51, of Starkville, on December 2, 2007.

Martha Clyde Coleman Mitchell '63, of Natchez, on November 29, 2007.

Steve Harold Mitchell (student), of Yazoo, on March 9.

Paul S. "Curly" Morales '63, of Galion, OH, on June 7.

David Allen Moses (student), of Greenwood, on January 17.

Josephine Nable '38, of Memphis, on February 4.

Lloyd M. "Nob" Peek '66, of Tupelo, on December 16, 2007.

Cole Pratt '53, of New Orleans, on April 13.

Paul Eugene Prestage '56, of Red Boy, AL, on June 21.

Thyra S. Richardson '30, of Claxton, GA, on December 2, 2007.

Thomas Owen Roberts '38, of Jackson, MS, on February 21.

Donald Ramsey Russell (attended), of Greenville, on March 16.

Hazel Hicks Sanders (friend), of Cleveland, on April 5.

James Talbot Sartain (former employee), of Ruleville, on April 18.

Terry H. Seale '71, of Cleveland, on March 10.

Nan Elizabeth Wilkinson Shelby '34, formerly of Shelby, on December 23, 2007.

Jerry David Sherwood '69, of Cleveland, on February 28.

Annie Fair Newsome Smith (friend), of Dalton, GA, on March 15.

Margaret Sorrells Smith (attended), of Austin, TX, on March 1.

William Leroy Smithhart (attended), of Indianola, on February 27.

H.B. "Hal" Southward Sr. (attended), of Tishomingo, on April 28.

Ruby Rae Davis Stampley '50, of Jackson, on January 19.

R. Jack Stanley (attended), of Starkville, on December 22, 2007.

Kathleen S. Tharp, (friend) of Greenville, on February 22.

Dr. Eugene Edward Tibbs (friend), of Memphis, on February 2.

Anne Taylor Topolinski '63, of Pensacola, FL, on January 25.

Sara Anne Sutphen Welch (former employee), of Etowah, NC, on February 25.

Miriam Hawkins White, 46' of Collerville, TN on January 21.

Wedding Bells

All dates are in 2008 unless otherwise noted.

Shannon Lee Hutton '06 to Daniel Pepper Adams '04, of Jackson, on January 12.

Latonia Michelle Atkins '03 to Christopher Malone, of Rosedale, on March 22.

Dr. Leigh Patricia Bailey '00 to Bun Edwards, of Madison, on November 19, 2007.

Crystal Antionette Atkins to George Walter Boston, III '02, of Houston, on December 1, 2007.

Claire Dye '08 to Jason Boyles (attending), of Vicksburg, on June 28.

Edith Harris Buehler '05 to Thomas Andrew Fava, Jr., of Hernando, on April 26.

Bethany Mitchell (attended) to **John Carley Cassibry** (attended), of Cleveland, on February 2.

Kiona Jameil Thompson '04 to Adrian Duane Dorsey '02, of Cleveland, on March 8.



GALLASPY-WARREN

Audra Gallaspy '96 to Josh Dawe Warren, of Fairhope, AL, on December 8, 2007.



MOUNCE-GANT

Cynthia Michelle Gant '95, '97, '98 to Michael Ellis Mounce, of Cleveland, on May 19.

Julie Charlene Avent '07 to Jay Bradley Garrett (attending), of Eupora, on June 21.



BROOKS-GARY

Carmen Brooks to Ramond Gary '04, of Tupelo, on June 21.

Emily Lauren Sacco (attended) to **Herbert Franklin Glenn IV** (attended), of Memphis, on December 15, 2007.

Penelope Anne Hawks '96 to Adam Blake Frazier, of Senatobia, on December 15, 2007.

Ashley Danielle Heigle '06 to William Justin Lanford, of Starkville, on July 28.



HILBURN-WATERS

Leslie Hilburn '99 to Brent Waters, of Hattiesburg, on June 16.

Shannon Renee Wood '04 to Rodney Hollingsworth '06, of Hernando, on September 29, 2007.



CHAPMAN-KIRK

Alisa Kirk '03 to Daniel Sean Chapman, of Flowood, on October 20, 2007.



GRAHAM-LONG

Anna Katherine Long '00 to Richard Newell Graham, of Union City, TN, on September 8, 2007.

Celeste Marie Malatesta '05 to Victor Julius Aguzzi III, of Clarksdale, on June 21.

Kristi Diana Marquez (attended) to **Derrick Beach**, of Cleveland, on April 12.

Elizabeth Stuart McCain '05 to Christopher C. Ware, of Asheville, NC, on May 5, 2007.



NORRIS-WALLACE

Bambi A. Norris '03 to Thomas W. Wallace, Jr., of Hattiesburg, on November 16, 2007.

Virginia Clara Runnels '07 to Christopher Arkell Armstrong, of Grenada, on June 7.

Amy Nell Moore '06 to Jason Richard Russell '06, of Spring, TX, on February 9.

Tanya Nicole Ellington '04 to Michael Presley Satterfield (attending), of Longshot, on December 16, 2007.



NICKELS-SAVAGE

Lynn Farish Nickels '07 to Robert Cannon Savage III '06, of Senatobia, on June 9.

Kandique Sherrell Shepard '03 to Demaris Marquis Birge, of Cleveland, on June 21.

Sarah Kathryn Short '04 to Chad Jason Stewart, of Summit, on December 15, 2007.



BRASWELL-SMITH

Jacqueline Coty Braswell to Chad Lenord Smith '97, of Brandon, on October 13, 2007.

Jodie Elizabeth Reece '05 to Timothy Austin Starnes Jr. '05, of Grenada, on April 26.

Shenarick Vonta Williams to William Ross Story II '02, of Southaven, on February 9.

Michelle Annette Yarbrough '02 to James Brian Street '04, of Greenwood, on March 8.



VERGEZ-BEHRENS

Marcelline Vergez '08 to Ken Behrens, of Cleveland, on May 24.



FLEEMAN-WALKER

Laura Elizabeth Fleeman '05 to Joshua Lee Walker '04, of Cleveland, on December 15, 2007.

Lauren Julia Hubal to Jon Earl Wallace '02, of Ocean Springs, on December 1, 2007.



STALLINGS-WARRINGTON

Amanda Nicole Stallings '08 to James E. "Trey" Warrington '07, of Cleveland, on June 7.

Eva Mae Williams '95 to Willie James Cain Jr., of Cleveland, on June 28.

Ashley N. Gilbert (attended) to **Russell E. Woods '07**, of Cleveland, on March 29.



YBARRA-DITCHARO

Natalie Catherine Ditcharo (attended) to **Luis Antonio Ybarra '07**, of Brookhaven, on June 21.

Baby Statesmen

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COKER

Samuel Davis to M/M Steven Anthony '97, (Ashley), of Brandon, on April 23.



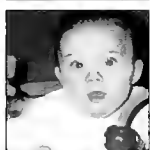
COOPER

William Aaron to M/M Brian Campbell '96 (Jo Ann Smith '96), of Vaughn, on March 13.



CRISP

Rose Mary to M/M Daniel Cooper '01 (Mary Gaston '02), of Macon, GA, on November 7, 2007.



EDWARDS

Sara Elizabeth to M/M Gary Crews '00 (Rae Hollowell '08), on March 1.



EDWARDS

Corli Gayle to M/M Joseph Crisp (Casey Kuhl '02), of Collierville, TN, on July 3, 2007.



HOWARTH

Emma Groce to M/M Ben Edwards (Leigh Patricia Bailey '00), of Modison, on August 13, 2007.



HUBBARD

Molly Rebekah to M/M Tam Edwards (Jamie Ray '00), of Clinton, on October 2, 2007.



HITT

Hollie Jean to M/M Michael Fancher (Merideth Aldridge '01), of West, on February 18.



JEFFREYS

Loyton Barrett to M/M John James Glorioso '96 (Tammy Mallette '97), of Cleveland, on February 11.



LEWIS

Turner Melton to M/M Toff Hitt (Kate Ibsen '01) of Greenville, on November 4, 2007.

Izabelle "Izzy" Jone to M/M Price "Trey" Hodges attended (Mignon Nelson '99), of Greenwood, on January 28.

Avery Carter to M/M Will Howarth attended (Cathy Carter), of Cleveland, on February 22.

Lee Cooper to Dr/M Jay Hubbard '99 (Lyn Warren '96), of Cleveland, on November 01, 2007.

William McLean to M/M Todd Jeffreys (Mary Elizabeth Povall attended), of Cleveland, on January 8.



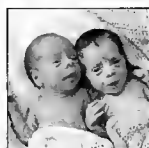
MCADORY

Mitchell Todd to M/M Todd Jones (Christin Chrestman '93), of Cleveland, on January 24.



PATTERSON

Jacob Mitchell to M/M Mitch Lewis (Lauren Hansen '01), of Memphis, on November 5, 2007.



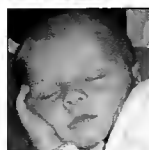
PREWITT

Lillion "Corsen" to M/M William McAdory '01 (Jennifer Musgrave), of Noxaporter, on March 3.



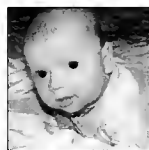
QUINTON

James Jackson to M/M Jason Patterson '01 (Jamie Kemp '04), of Yozoo City, on December 18, 2007.



RASCO

Brooks Chamberlain & Charlton Shaw to M/M Richard Bradley Prewitt '90 (Molinda Mollory), of Tupelo, on January 18.



SANTUCCI

Aubrey Conner to Dr/M William Neil Quinton '99 (Crystal Coleman), of Cleveland, on March 22.



SCOTT

Reeves Louis to M/M Cory Radicioni '99 (Melissa McCoy '02), of Clinton, on December 19, 2007.



SINK

Gavin Rasco, to M/M B. Kyle Rasco '05 (Carolyn Denise Gambrel '05), of Opeliko, AL, on December 29, 2007.



SLEDGE

Bristo Luke to M/M Wilson Santucci (Kelly Housley '97), of Starkville, on April 19.



TEAGUE

Reese Allen to M/M Winn Scott (Ashley Smith '03), of Cleveland, on November 27, 2007.

Joseph David III, to M/M Joseph David Sink, Jr. (Belinda Bonner '94), of Collierville, TN, on January 15.

Brelend Helaine to M/M Matthew Brelend Sledge '04 (Christan Dill '03), of Cleveland, on October 5, 2007.

Hutson Tidmore to Dr/M Brad Teague '95 (Gina Beach '93), of Conway, AR, on December 18, 2007.

Jordan Bloine to M/M Archie Tucker '06 (Veronica Blaine attended), of Memphis, on December 12, 2007.

MILES AWAY

Where has the road taken you?

Share your travels with us.

Let us see where you're reading the Delta State alumni magazine.

Email your photos to alumni@deltastate.edu.

8,700 Miles Away:

Dr. Billy Morehead '84, traveled to Baku, Azerbaijan to present a seminar on Principles of Strategic Management.



397 Miles Away:
Taking a Limo tour of Pensacola are Delta State "girls of the '50s".



1,484 Miles Away:

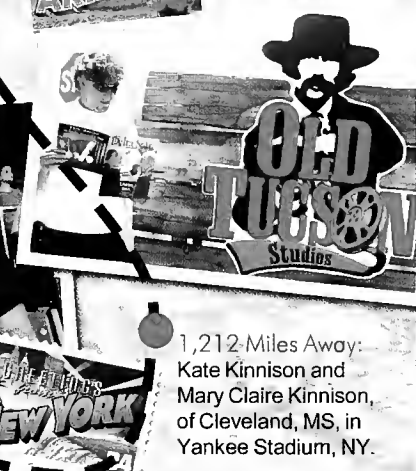
Mark Easley '85, of Laurel, at the Old Tucson movie studios in Tucson, AZ.



1,839 Miles Away:
Rachel Webb '03, of Bartlet, TN, in Labadee, Haiti while on a Caribbean cruise.



1,212 Miles Away:
Kate Kinnison and Mary Claire Kinnison, of Cleveland, MS, in Yankee Stadium, NY.



ALUMNI UPDATE

What better way to let your classmates know where you are and what you are doing than through the "Alumni Updates?"

Tell us about yourself:

Recently married?

Taken a new job?

Been promoted?

Changed addresses?

Welcomed new children?

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Alumni Happenings



Chris Bowman '98, Elizabeth Malane '90, Kathleen Carter '88, and Libby Jones '87 at the Memphis Chapter Meeting.



Alumni and Friends gathered at the Alumni House to cheer on the Lady Statesmen as they competed in the National Championships in Kearney, NE.



Dr. John Hilpert and Bryan Thomas at the Washington County Alumni Meeting at Mitchell Distributing in Leland.



Bolivar County Alumni chapter's planning committee met at Statesmen Park.



Alumni Chapter Leaders met at the Alumni House for the First Annual Leadership Summit.



Jackson Alumni Chapter's planning committee met at the Cherokee Restaurant.



Pat Chambless '69, Kaye Chambless, Andrew Middleton '94, Rebekah Dorgan '01, and Billy Dorgan '02 at the Southeast Chapter Meeting.



Vicki Fioranelli '68, Talmage Boston, Dave "Boo" Ferriss, Ted Rogers '74, and Jeffrey Farris '04 at the Dallas, TX Chapter Meeting.



Rose Ready '56, Robie McDaniel '57, Nell Sandroni '57, and Sarah Tapley '54 at the Pickwick Alumni gathering.



DSU Alumni and Governor Haley Barbour at the annual Mississippi Picnic in Central Park.



Barry Lyons '84, Dr. John Mallett '80, Betsy Elliott '73, Stephen Simpson '80 at the Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting.



Brad Evans '87, Ken Purvis, Beth Ross '86, and Ben Ross '86 at the DeSoto County Alumni Meeting.



Alumni meet at the FedEx Forum to support former DSU Men's Basketball star Jeremy Richardson with the Memphis Grizzlies.



Alumni gather to support the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen basketball teams against Christian Brothers University.



Oxford, MS Alumni discuss plans on welcoming incoming freshmen and transfer students from their area to Delta State University.

EXPERIENCE

the theatre



2008 - 2009 SEASON EVENTS

Capitol Steps	Sept 29
Sweeney Todd	Nov 6
Buddy Greene w/Odessa Settles	Dec 11
A Christmas Carol: The Musical	Dec 17
Delta Idol	Jan 27
Hairspray	Feb 19
Celtic Crossroads	Mar 30
Monk Institute	Apr 16

Dates are tentative and subject to change.

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